

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_, SERIES 2007

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES (LMCO) SECTIONS 115.380-381 REGARDING WINDOW WASHERS.**

**SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMEN BLACKWELL, KRAMER AND DOWNARD**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (THE COUNCIL) RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION I.** LMCO Sections 115.380-381 are hereby repealed as follows:

**~~WINDOW WASHERS~~**

**~~115.380 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.~~**

~~— (A) — Every person owning, leasing, operating, or managing any industrial, commercial, or public building shall not require nor permit any window in the building to be washed or cleaned from the outside unless means are provided to enable the work to be done in the manner set forth in subsection (B) below, where such cleaning or washing is to be of a window above the second floor of the building or where the window to be cleaned is more than ten feet above grade or of an adjoining flat roof.~~

~~— (B) — In all such buildings the following requirements for the safety of the persons doing the cleaning shall be provided:~~

~~— (1) — When windows are cleaned from the sill, a safety belt, with stirrups, both to be made of heavy leather, canvas rope, or other equally strong material, to be attached with claws or hooks to clamp down tight over the window sill, and such as may have the approval of the Chief Building Inspector; or a safety belt of similar material, the ends of such belt to be fitted with heavy safety terminals~~

~~shall be provided. When the latter belts are provided, the provisions of subsections (B)(4) through (12) shall apply.~~

~~—— (2) When windows are cleaned from a scaffold, the scaffold shall be of substantial construction and fitted at exposed sides and ends with guard rail not less than 36 inches high, and toeboards not less than six inches high. When a swinging scaffold is used, the proper tackle and other necessary fittings shall be provided.~~

~~—— (3) When portable ladders more than 12 feet in length are used for window cleaning they shall be fitted with safety feet or other suitable means to prevent slipping. Where a ladder more than 18 feet long is being used, a competent person shall be stationed at the foot to hold it in place.~~

~~—— (4) Nothing in this section shall apply to outside windows protected by platform or walk and railing, as in the case of windows leading to fire escapes.~~

~~—— (5) Where safety belts are used, the walls adjoining the outside of windows shall be adequately equipped by the owner with rings, bolts, and all fittings for holding the belts. These rings, bolts, and fittings shall be of bronze, brass, or other equivalent durable metal.~~

~~—— (6) Bolts set in concrete shall be not less than five inches long.~~

~~—— (7) Bolts set in masonry, other than concrete, shall not be less than eight inches long.~~

~~———— (8) ——— In all cases, bolts shall not be less than 3/8-inch in minimum thickness, if round, and not less than one-fourth-inch in minimum thickness, if rectangular, with a minimum section area at least as great as that of a 3/8-inch round bolt.~~

~~———— (9) ——— Bolts shall have either a right angle bend of at least two inches or else a metal washer riveted or otherwise securely fastened to the end of such bolt, such washer to be at least four square inches in area and to be imbedded in the masonry.~~

~~———— (10) ——— In wood construction, bolts shall be at least as large as in the case of masonry and concrete constructions and shall pass through the entire wall or studding. Where intermediate mullions are used, they shall be reinforced by at least one stud. Where such mullions are of hollow construction, the bolts shall pass through the outer casing and reinforcing stud. Where solid mullions are used, the bolts shall pass at least three-fourths of the distance through such solid mullions. Every bolt in wood construction shall be securely fastened to a nut and a washer and the ends of bolts shall be chipped to prevent turning of nuts.~~

~~———— (11) ——— In hollow frame construction, the fittings for attaching safety belts shall be screwed for at least one-half-inch into a wrought iron or steel plate, which steel plate shall be at least one-half-inch in thickness, one and one-half inches wide, and eight inches long. Such steel plates shall be riveted or bolted to the metal frame and tapped to receive the fitting.~~

~~———— (12) ——— Solid metal frame fittings shall be screwed for at least one-half-inch into metal and a reinforcing plate or through metal into a nut at least one-half-inch thick. In the latter case, the ends of the fittings shall be riveted.~~

**~~115.381 USE OF SAFETY DEVICES; ENFORCEMENT.~~**

~~—— (A) ——— Where the safety devices herein required are provided by the owners, managers, or lessee it shall be unlawful for the window cleaner to wash or clean the windows from the outside except by using the safety devices therein installed.~~

~~(B) ——— The installation and maintenance of all safety equipment required by this subchapter shall be under the supervision of the Director of Inspections, Permits, and Licenses and it shall be the duty of the Director to enforce the provisions hereof.~~

**SECTION II.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

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